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SUPPLEMENT TO REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

1. The Albanian State Security Police (sic)¹, which consists of a division of 13,000 men, is said to be divided into four regiments, located as follows:

One regiment	Tirana
One regiment	Shkoder
One regiment	Korce
One regiment	Gjinokaster

Detachments are stationed in the prefectures and communities throughout Albania; those located in the prefectures are motorized.

2. About one-fourth of the men are reportedly equipped with automatic weapons and light 48 mm. mortars. Each regiment has a battery of mule-drawn 65 mm. mountain artillery.

- 25X1X 3. [REDACTED] men belonging to the above units are said to be wearing clothing of excellent quality; food is plentiful, and of considerably better quality than is that of the Army. Base pay is 3,500 lek per month, with a special bonus for the arrest or liquidation of members of the Albanian resistance.

- 25X1X 4. In addition to the above units, [REDACTED] and organization (during the period July 1950-January 1951) of "volunteers" into auxiliary units of the State Security Police (sic).² The purpose of these troops, [REDACTED] 25X1X [REDACTED] is to combat the anti-Communist resistance, collect intelligence, and be available for action in the event of internal revolution.

- 25X1X 5. These auxiliary troops, who were to be under the command of Sigurimi Lieutenant Colonel Kadri Hasbiu, were reportedly organized into four brigades, of 1,000 men each, deployed as follows:

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First (sic - 1?) brigade	Shkoder
Second (sic - 2?) brigade)	Recently formed; not yet assigned to a location
Third (sic - 3?) brigade)	
Fourth (sic - 4?) brigade	Puke

25X1X [REDACTED] the first and fourth brigades use Soviet weapons, while the second brigade is equipped with Czechoslovak, and the third with Italian weapons. In addition, each man carries 100 cartridges and two hand grenades. Each 10-man section has two Soviet hand machine guns (sic - sub-machine guns?), each squad has a light machine gun, and each company has two heavy machine guns and two 48 mm. mortars.

25X1X 6. [REDACTED] belong to the State Security Police (sic). Uniforms, similar to those of the Soviets, with a red star on a black arm band, are worn by these troops only when they go into action against armed troops (sic) of the Albanian resistance; at other times they wear civilian clothing and live at home with their families.² They receive 4,000 lek per month pay.

25X1X 7. [REDACTED] in May 1950, there were 350 Albanian infantry officers, 80 air officers, and 45 naval officers receiving training in the Soviet Union.

25X1A 1. [REDACTED]: Comparison with much earlier reports (such as 25X1A para. 17) suggests that the first three paragraphs of this report actually refer to the now-disbanded DMP (Divisions Mbrojtës Popullit—Division of People's Security).

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25X1A 2. [REDACTED] Comment: It is not quite clear whether [REDACTED] in mind 25X1A here the previously-reported special pursuit brigades [REDACTED] or the doubtful report of the organization of 12,000 civilian-clothed men into a "volunteer brigade" to combat resistance activities 25X1A
25X1A [REDACTED] Your attention is also directed to [REDACTED] which reports 25X1A the existence of a People's Civil Guard in Albania, composed of faithful members of the Albanian CP, with approximately 200 armed members in the region of Kolonje alone, equipped with Mauser rifles which were brought from the Soviet Union in October 1949. With regard to the recruiting period for the auxiliary troops described above (July 1950-January 1951), it is noted that it appears to coincide with the large-scale drafting of Albanian males, allegedly for a three-month training period in the Army; this mass induction may have some connection with the report that membership in the special pursuit brigades was at first on a voluntary basis, but that few men volunteered [REDACTED]

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